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## REAGAN NEWS CURB TERMED EXTENSIVE

### Unauthorized Disclosure Order Said to Apply to Interviews Not Involving Security

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — A move by President Reagan to restrict reporters' access to national security information turned out today to be far more extensive. Even officials of the Department of Agriculture were told to clear major news interviews with the White House.

A memorandum circulated by John Ochs, an assistant to Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, said, "It is requested that whenever you or anyone under your jurisdiction receives an invitation for an interview you consult with me so that I may clear it with the White House."

Apparently, the same word was spreading throughout the executive branch and its huge public relations apparatus.

Marlin Fitzwater, a spokesman for the Treasury Department, said, "We don't have any directives out yet, but we will."

"We, of course, will abide by the White House request," said Vernon Louviere, an aide to Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan.

#### Budget Information Included

David Lane, an assistant to Mr. Ochs, said that the President, concerned about unauthorized news disclosures, included budget information when he "laid down the law" about such disclosures last Thursday at a Cabinet meeting.

Larry Speakes, the deputy White House press secretary, confirmed that Cabinet members had been told to clear their appearances on television inter-

view programs, but insisted that it was not a new policy. He termed it "a coordination process, not a clearance process."

The official responsible for the coordination will be David R. Gergen, the White House communications director.

In announcing the new policy Tuesday, the White House talked only of national security matters. William P. Clark, Mr. Reagan's new national security adviser, said the policy was instituted because the President was tired of seeing classified information in the newspapers.

#### Wiretaps Are Not Ruled Out

Mr. Reagan's statement announcing the new policy said that "in the event of unauthorized disclosure of such information, Government employees who have had access to that information will be subject to investigation, to include the use of all legal methods."

Mr. Speakes refused today to rule out the use of wiretaps in seeking leaks of national security information.

The implication Tuesday was that the directive applied to employees in agencies that dealt in national security secrets — the Defense Department, the State Department and the National Security Council.

But Mr. Lane said when the matter was discussed at the Cabinet meeting, the President included unauthorized disclosures about budget information.

#### Memos to Each Department

One source said that James A. Baker 3d, the White House chief of staff, then sent memorandums to each department in the executive branch, outlining what they should do.

Alan Romberg, deputy spokesman for the State Department, said instructions for carrying out Mr. Reagan's order had not been received.

Tom Stewart, the Justice Department spokesman, said that department officials "have not received anything suggesting that we clear every interview with the White House, and I'm sure the White House is not really interested in that line of work."

But at the Energy Department, Carol Bauman said that "they have asked that we coordinate, which has always been our policy."